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SUBJECT: REPORTED NORTH KOREAN INTEREST IN TALKS WITH US

REF: JAKARTA 10366

1. VERBATIM RECORD OF UTSUNOMIYA-KIM IL SUNG CONVERSATIONS HELD AUGUST 9 AND 10 HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN THREE INSTALLMENTS BEGINNING AUGUST 21 IN MAINICHI SHINBUN. SOURCE OF UPI STORY MOST PROBABLY MAINICHI ARTICLE INTRODUCING SERIES WHICH REPORTS KIM STATEMENT AS REPRESENTED IN PARA ONE REFTEL. WE ARE UNABLE TO COMMENT ON QUESTION WHETHER THERE IS ANY SUBSTANCE TO UPI STORY OR TO ACCOUNT IN MAINICHI ARTICLE. HOWEVER, VERBATIM REPORT OF CONVERSATION GIVES SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT IMPRESSION OF ACTUAL REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO KIM IL SUNG ON SUBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO VERBATIM RECORD AS PUBLISHED IN AUGUST 22 MAINICHI, KIM IL SUNG TOLD UTSUNOMIYA THAT DPRK ANXIOUS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH U.S. AND HAD SENT OFFICIAL LETTER ON MARCH 24, 1974, PROPOSING PEACE TREATY. USG,
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HOWEVER, HAS NOT MADE ANY DIRECT RESPONSE TO THIS

LETTER, BUT HAS TOLD ROKG THAT IT CANNOT RESPOND
TO PEACE PROPOSAL UNLESS ROK PARTICIPATES. NEVERTHELESS,
KIM CLAIMED, USG HAS TOLD QTE A CERTAIN THIRD WORLD
LEADER UNQTE THAT IT WOULD LOOK FOR AN APPROPRIATE
TIME IN FUTURE TO CONDUCT SECRET TALKS WITH DPRK.
KIM CLAIMED THAT THE THIRD WORLD IS INVOLVED BECAUSE
THEY HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR A MORE POSITIVE US ATTITUDE
TOWARD RESOLVING KOREAN QUESTION.

3. FULL TRANSLATIONS OF ALL THREE INSTALLMENTS OF
UTSUNOMIYA-KIM TALKS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE
POUCHED EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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